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To: <American@am-ins.com>
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Dear John, Shawn and Phillip,

My sincere condolences on the passing of your Father and Grandfather, Frank Sullivan.

Although I never had the privilege of meeting him...I was a lucky recipient of a letter from "Sully" when I first moved to town in 2004. It showed up on my desk about two weeks after I started my new position as Chief Credit Officer at Twin River National Bank. At the time, I did not know "THE" Sullivan family in these parts, nor had I heard of your father. That was soon about to change.

As I recall, the letter included a paper clipping from the Tribune of the announcement of my joining the staff at the bank. His letter went on to explain that as he was perusing the daily paper one particular morning, (he noted that he was living in the Tri-Cities) that he was initially quite shocked to see a "Welcome John Sullivan" announcement for Twin River Bank. Admittedly, he thought that his son had left the family insurance business to become a banker and obviously, that was news to him...but, soon afterward he noticed my picture under the announcement and realized that I wasn't THAT John Sullivan. He went on in his letter to congratulate me on the new position and welcomed me and my family to the LC Valley. It was a very nice gesture from a complete stranger with a very recognizable name, especially at a time of adjustment for me and my family. I fondly remember his kind words.

As the years went by, I learned more and more about "Sully" and realized what a huge impact he had on the LC Valley, not only in his working years, but also well into his retirement. He obviously was an incredible civic leader, a real shining star and a very respected gentleman. One that I'm sure you are all so very proud of. He will be missed !

I too lost my father on July 27th at the age of 82, so I understand the loss of the family's patriarch...It's very difficult, but hold tight to the memories in your heart. He will always be with you. What a legacy he left behind in his son and grandsons.

It has been a real pleasure to know each of you over the past nine years and even more of an honor to be asked...on a weekly basis, if I am part to the "American Insurance Sullivan's."
I have to admit that I feel a sense of disappointment, when I explain to those who ask, that I am not a direct relative of your family but, as a member of my own Sullivan clan in Northeastern Oregon, I'm sure that our family's roots have crossed somewhere in the past.

From one Sullivan family to the next...Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family,

God Bless -

John Sullivan

An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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